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SUBJ: PHILIPPINES AMBASSADOR TO LAOS

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1. JOSE M. EVANGELISTA, 55 YEARS OLD, SERVED AS PHILIPPINES AMBASSADOR TO MALAYSIA FROM JANUARY 1973 UNTIL JUNE 1974 WHEN YUSUP ABUBAKAR, A MUSLIM AND FORMER PHIL AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT WAS APPOINTED JUST PRIOR TO ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTER'S CONFERENCE. ACCORDING OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE, EVANGELISTA PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN TOKYO AS DCM, WASHINGTON, NEW DELHI, AND TAIWAN. HE IS MARRIED (WIFE'S NAME: CARMEN) AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN: DAUGHTER WHO IS MARRIED AND LIVING IN PHILIPPINES, SON WHO IS ECONOMICS STUDENT AT SOPHIA UNIVERSITY IN TOKYO, ANOTHER DAUGHTER WHO IN EARLY 1973 WORKED FOR PHILIPPINE AIRLINES IN TOKYO, AND SON IN HIS LATE TEENS WHO ACCOMPANIED THEM TO K.L.

2. COMMENT: POLITE AND UNASSERTIVE, EVANGELISTA WAS PERSONALLY POPULAR AMONG HIS DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES IN KL BUT DID NOT PLAY A STRONG ROLE AS AMBASSADOR. IT PROBABLY WOULD BETTER HAVE SERVED PHILIPPINE INTERESTS, ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE PROBLEM OF DISSIDENTS IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES, HAD HE CULTIVATED TOP GOM OFFICIALS MORE ENERGETICALLY. IN MITIGATION, ONE MUST ALSO

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ADMIT THAT HIS SUPPORTING STAFF HERE WAS EXTREMELY WEAK.

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